

## ***Snohomish County Clerk's Office***

*Domestic Violence*

*Protection Order Unit*

*3000 Rockefeller Avenue*

*Room C107 - 1st Floor of the  
Courthouse*

*Everett, WA 98201*

*(425) 388-3638*

### **WHAT WILL IT COST?**

The forms are FREE and there are no filing or service fees for Domestic Violence Protection Orders within the State of Washington. Forms can be obtained at the Courthouse in Room C-107 Monday thru Friday between 8:30am - 4:30 pm, closed 12:00 - 12:45.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF:**

1. Create a safety plan and/or escape route, contact Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County for information.
2. Have a working cell phone for 911 purposes.
3. Get medical attention, if needed, as soon as possible.
4. Gather car keys, birth certificates, ID's, passports, medications, phone numbers, social security cards, and other important papers for you and your children.
5. Call 911.

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Police, Sheriff or Medical Emergency  
911

Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline  
(24 hour toll free)  
1-800-562-6025

DV Services of Snohomish County  
(24 hour crisis line)  
425-25-ABUSE or 425-252-2873

Everett Police Department, DV Unit  
425-257-8510

Snohomish County Sheriff, Civil Unit  
425-388-3522

Snohomish County Clerk's Office, DV Unit  
425-388-3638

Care Crisis Line  
(24 hour crisis line)  
425-258-HELP or 425-258-4357

Providence Hospital Sexual Assault Center  
(24 hour crisis line)  
425-252-4800

District Court (Cascade, Everett, Evergreen, and  
South Division): Anti-Harassment Unit  
425-388-3168

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS US ALL**

*Are you a victim of  
domestic violence or do  
you know someone in  
need of help?*

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*You are NOT alone...*



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS EVERYONE IN A FAMILY

Are you a victim of Domestic Violence?

1. Is your partner violent towards you or your children?
2. Do you find yourself making excuses or minimizing your partner's behavior?
3. Do you feel completely controlled by your partner?
4. Do you feel helpless, trapped and alone?
5. Do you blame yourself for the violence?
6. Do you blame the violence on stress or drug/alcohol problems?
7. Do you fear going home?
8. Are your children being abused or is your partner threatening to harm them?

## WHO CAN BE PROTECTED?

If you or your children are the victims of physical, sexual, or threatened abuse, you can be protected under

the Domestic Violence Protection Act. This applies if you are related to the abuser as a family or household member, married, formerly married, have ever lived together, have child(ren) in common, dating or formerly dated and you are 16 years of age or older.



## HOW DO I GET AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION?

You fill out forms that ask (petition) the court for a Temporary Order for Protection. The forms ask for information including: the description of the abuse, the abuser's date of birth, middle name, and an address or place where he/she can be served.

The Judge/Commissioner will review your completed forms, may ask you some questions and will make a decision based on the information provided.

The County Clerk will file the papers, provide you a copy and discuss how to have the respondent (abuser) served. As this process may take several hours, it is best to arrange for child care during this time.

## WHAT AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION CAN DO:

- Restrain him/her from committing acts of domestic abuse,
- Remove him/her from shared residence,
- Prohibit him/her from having any contact whatsoever with you and/or your minor children,
- Prohibit him/her from removing the minor children from the State of Washington,
- Award temporary use of a shared vehicle, personal possessions, a shared residence,
- Grant temporary custody of minor children,
- Order one/both parties to participate in treatment or counseling.

## WHAT AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION CANNOT DO:

- Establish child support or order maintenance,
- Establish permanent child custody or use of shared residence,
- Assign property to either party.

## WHY AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION IS IMPORTANT:

It lets the respondent and the police know that you are serious in your determination to be safe. Even if you are not sure if a violation has occurred call 911 to make a report.

*Remember - no one has the right to assault or harass you. Carry a copy of the protection order with you at all times!*

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CHILDREN:

Children who are experiencing stress may show it in different ways. These include difficulty sleeping, bedwetting, overachieving, behavior problems, withdrawing, stomachaches, headaches, and/or diarrhea.

Children who grow up in violent homes have much higher risks of becoming substance abusers or being involved in abusive relationships, as a batterer or a victim. Getting out of an abusive relationship is not easy, but it can provide an opportunity for you and your children to live a life free of violence. Seeking counseling and support when you end a violent relationship is crucial for you and your children.